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On our MARC:

I hope everyone had a nice and safe 4th of July holiday.

I would like to thank all those that came out for Field Day. Steve Carmean, John Wampler, Scott Nelson and Dave Daily for helping get set-up. Steve Carmean came back later that evening to set up one of the computers for logging. We had 36 people that came out to show support for the day. Out of those 36, nine were under the age of 18 and five or six of them made a contact or two. Brian Herbert two son's came with him and left but came back as one of the boys wanted to get more time on the air. Andrew Murrey had his wife and his seven kids with him and three or four of them had contacts. Rusty and Cindy worked the night shift. Kevin and Wilson came back the next morning to help finish the day. Field Day goes by sections....we worked 52 sections. We worked four countries, US, Canada, Austria and Bahamas. We had 175 Contacts. It was a good weekend and we had fun!

The next scheduled activity for MARC is Hearthnut Sept 10th and 11th. Rusty and Kevin will be talking more about this at the club meeting to encourage members to sign up and help with this event.

Ken Barr, KD9ALA, will be our speaker and will explain how to work with clear and tinted polycarbonate plastic (LEXAN) to create useful items to use around the shack and in the field. This demonstration will include methods for cutting, bending, gluing, and polishing this adaptable material. He will also talk briefly about powder-coating metal, which can be nicely incorporated in these projects.

See you Saturday. Coffee will be on.

Jacki-KI6QOG
MARC President





Birthday for the month of July:

KB9RBB-Tom Achors

KD9FPO-John Dickerson

Amateur Electronic Supply Closing after 59 Years in Business

Amateur Electronic Supply will close its doors at the end of July after 59 years in business. No reason has been given for the decision to close the business. AES has been a premier player among Amateur Radio equipment retailers for decades, as well as a major presence at Dayton Hamvention® and other events. Various media outlets were informed of the closing in a brief e-mail message on July 6, but word of the closing has not yet appeared on the retailer's website or Facebook page.

"It's with great sadness that I have to tell you that Amateur Electronic Supply (AES) will cease operations at the end of this month," AES National Sales Manager Tom Pachner, W9TJP, said in an e-mail. An employee at the Milwaukee headquarters store, who did not wish to be identified, confirmed that the message was legitimate. It's believed that the AES staff was notified before the July 4th holiday weekend. In addition to the Milwaukee store, AES operates outlets in Cleveland (Wickliffe), Las Vegas, and Orlando.



Fond-du-Lac, Wisconsin, native Terry Sterman, W9DIA (SK), in 1957 when he was just 18, after getting into the radio-TV business by working in his father's TV and electronics parts store. On January 1, 1998, ownership of AES shifted to Amateur Electronic Supply LLC, headed by Phil Majerus, a prominent Wisconsin businessman. Sterman died the following year at the age of 60, after a period of ill health.

For many years, the public face of AES was its Executive Vice President Ray Grenier, K9KHW, who oversaw marketing and advertising for the retailer from 1964 until his retirement in 2013. Grenier nearly singlehandedly produced the famous AES catalog, as well as magazine ads. For about 20 years, he also organized the well-received AES Superfest, a promotional effort begun in 1995 that grew into a hamfest. In April, the AES Superfest hosted the 2016 ARRL Wisconsin Section Convention.

Many radio amateurs reacted to the news on various online forums, expressing surprise, sadness, and dismay, and saying they would miss AES. A few reminisced about having bought their first radios from AES.



Meet the Next ARRL Indiana Section Manager

Hello everyone! My name is Brent Walls and my Amateur Radio call sign is N9BA. I wanted to take a few moments and tell you a little about myself. I didn't have this opportunity during the election cycle because ARRL Headquarters doesn't send out ballots or candidate information if there is only a single candidate.

I live on the Southeast side of Indianapolis near the sleepy little unincorporated town of Wannamaker with my wife, Amy, and my daughter, Hannah. I was born and raised in "stop light city" or better known to those in North Central

Indiana as Kokomo. This year is a special milestone for me as I just passed the 20-year mark of being a licensed Amateur Radio operator.

Many of you may recognize my name as the former Section Emergency Coordinator and current Assistant Section Manager. I have also held ARRL appointments of Emergency Coordinator, Official Observer, and currently an ARRL Volunteer Examiner. Public and community service is a passion of mine and it is an honor to be the next Indiana Section Manager.

I look forward to serving the Amateur Radio community across the state of Indiana over the next 2 years. If you see me at a hamfest or club meeting, be sure to introduce yourself. I hope to meet many of you at the Indianapolis hamfest which is just around the corner on July 8th and 9th. The ARRL Forum will be on July 9th at 10:00 am Eastern time.

73,
Brent Walls N9BA
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Editor's Note: The new Section Manager's term begins on July 1. Unless specifically contacted, all current Field Organization appointments are retained.

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http://www.inarrl.org/section_monthly_news.html





It's that time of year Greenwood HS Marching Band Invitational !

Once again the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club has been asked to to help with parking and public safety for the Greenwood High School Marching Band Invitational. This event will be held on Saturday September 24th at the Greenwood High School located on west Smith Valley Road.

This event is usually well attended with more than a dozen bands partisipating and hundreds of fans. Our help is needed with attending the main entrance of the High School and the parking locations around the school campus.

This event does require good partisipation from club members since our area is quite large to cover. So please help with this event if you possibilly can. An exact starting time has not been given but past years we usually arrive about noon to meet the first incoming bands.

This event is a good exercise for new hams that may be called on to serve in a disaster type situation and control of traffic might be needed.

You will need to bring your favorite HT, charged extra battery pack, water, snacks, chair, sunscreen and good comfortable shoes.

All that work this event will have access to a buffet located in the HS caffeteria provided by the Band Parents Association and it is usually very good.

Please by all means consider helping with this event. A sign up sheet will be at the July meeting.

..... Bob N9SIU

Vintage Beginnings

Across

1. Diploma word
 6. Tiny PCB parts
 10. Junkbox item, say
 14. Like a nerd
 15. Grid ____ resistor
 16. All over again
 17. Irish prefix
 18. ____-VOX
 19. '60s Novice transmitter maker
 20. Heathkit Novice rig
 22. VU4 island
 24. Azimuth 90
 26. What a lid is, for example
 27. Best Yagi spacing
 31. Pick up, on the bands, say
 34. OE peaks
 35. 4S7 group
 40. This puzzle's theme
 43. "Get lost!"
 44. What a poor CW filter does
 45. SU river
 46. Beams, towers, amplifier - to a DXer, say
 48. You feed an ant. with it, very generally speaking
 52. VU royal YL
 54. ER land
 57. Popular Novice rig (and tube) of the 50's
 62. Like Darth Vader
 63. 2006 contest held in PY
 65. Label on a wattmeter
 66. Give up
 67. Unlucky number, in Rome
 68. Plantain lily

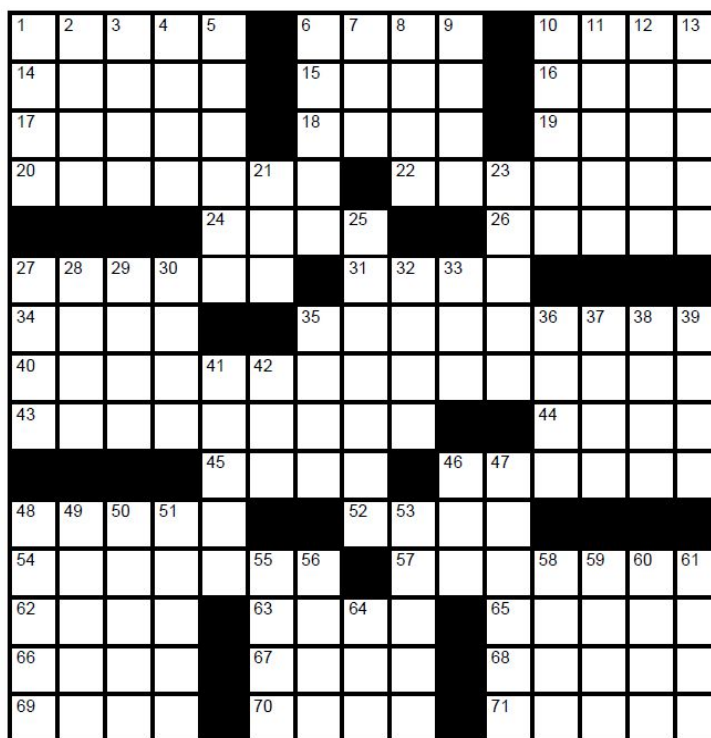
69. New Englander hams
 70. ____-Uda
 71. Hex

Down

1. Took to court
 2. Windows alternative
 3. Amps per Volt
 4. Cooper maker
 5. High points
 6. Kills, as a dragon
 7. Restroom sign
 8. Packet payload
 9. RF effect
 10. Song of praise
 11. JA cartoon art
 12. Restore a PS, say
 13. Drake Novice transmitter

21. Tit for ____
 23. Physicist Paul
 25. Ponderous one
 27. Drift, as an odor
 28. Hip bones
 29. P5-land (abbr.)
 30. To be, in old Rome
 32. Duck: (in DL)
 33. "Got it!"
 35. Natural ground system
 36. FIGS partner
 37. VE3 lake
 38. PJ title
 39. Ceramic insulators, say
 41. Sierra follower
 42. Phi follower
 46. Preceeds a 'J'
 47. Halves of thirds

48. AC-1 maker
 49. Group of 13
 50. Trombone part
 51. What an amplifier in standby does
 53. Char. code
 55. Z lead-ins
 56. Opera solo
 58. Quad element
 59. QSL mgr's expectation
 60. Part of IARU (abbr.)
 61. Controlled a Novice's freq., once
 64. Welding type - was heliarc, once





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Fun was had by all. 73

Amateur Radio Parity Act Receives Favorable House Energy and Commerce Committee Report

07/13/2016

An amended version of the Amateur Radio Parity Act, H.R. 1301, received a unanimous favorable report on July 13 from members of the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee. The bill now will go to the full House for consideration. Before reporting the bill out of committee, the panel first voted to accept the amended language “in the nature of a substitute.” Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), who chairs the Energy and Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, said the substitute bill represented “a good balance” following months of meetings, hard work, and compromise, and he recommended the measure to his colleagues.

“The amendment guarantees that even in deed-restricted communities, Amateur Radio operators are able to use an effective outdoor antenna,” Walden said. “Without an effective antenna Amateur Radio operators are severely limited, so this amendment ensures that amateurs are free to pursue their passion wherever they live.”

At the same time, he continued, the measure protects the rights of those “who have chosen to live in deed-restricted communities and to set their own aesthetic and other rules.”

In early June, the ARRL and the Community Associations Institute (CAI) — the national association of homeowners associations (HOAs) — announced that they had reached consensus on substitute language for H.R. 1301 in an effort to move it through committee and to overcome objections to the companion US Senate bill, S. 1685. The offices of US Representatives Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), the bill’s sponsor, Anna Eshoo (D-CA), and Walden mediated and offered assistance.

“While it’s rare to have two groups with opposing viewpoints walk away from legislation happy, by golly, I think we’ve done it here,” Walden concluded. He said the nature of the substitute represented “the best of what our committee can do when we work together in bipartisan compromise that meets the needs of all parties involved.”

In her remarks, Eshoo said she was glad that an agreement was reached on the language of the bill, which she initially feared would violate the rights of homeowners associations. “We found a balance that works for all stakeholders,” she said. She called ARRL and CAI “the bookends of the effort.”

Kinzinger called the amended bill “a good amendment that strikes the right balance.”



No Smoking

UNLESS YOU'RE A RADIO WITH A SHORTED
CAPACITOR.



2016 List of Hamfests in Indiana / Convention

07/8&9/2016 46th Indianapolis Hamfest

Location: Marion County Fairgrounds 7300 East Troy Ave. Indianapolis, IN

Talk-in: 146.760 (-600)

Sponcer: Indianapolis Hamfest Association

Website: <http://www.indyhamfest.com>

09/17/2016 Bloomington ARC Hamfest

Location: Monroe County Fairgrounds, 5700 West Airport Road, Bloomington, IN 47401

Sponsor: Bloomington Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.bloomingtonradio.org>

11/12/2016 Indiana State Convention

(Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo)

Location: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46801

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Website: <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>

Answer to Vintage:

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MID-STATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the THIRD SATURDAY of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Law Enforcement Center, Conference Room 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, www.midstatehams.org, for maps on how to get to our meeting.

Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a HAM to attend our meetings or a member of the club.

WA9RDF Repeaters:

146.835/
146.235 MHz
(151.4 Hz PL Tone)

Club Officers:

President: Jacki Frederick – KI6QOG
Vice President: Bruce Tisdale -- K9ICP
Secretary: Rhonda Curtis – WS9H
Treasurer: Cy Young – N9CHY
Repeater Trustee - Chris Frederick – KQ9Y

WA9RDF Repeater:

443.525/
448.525 MHz
(151.4 Hz PL Tone)

Weekly Net: Sunday evening 7:00 PM ARES/RACES members and ALL RADIO AMATEURS
146.835/146.235 MHz (151.4 Hz PL Tone)

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Remember Club Dues for 2016 are due; please see Cy Young N9CHY at the meeting Saturday.

